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1. Specification, abstract and claims (2 independent, 21 dependent, 23 total) (40 pages);
2. Drawings (10 figures, 7 sheets);
3. Declaration and Power of Attorney;
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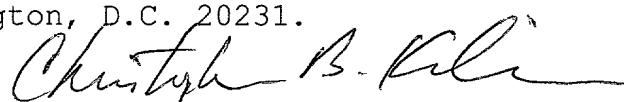
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I hereby certify that the patent application of Douglas M. Blair, John J. Grefenstette, Hadon Nash, Dale I. Newfield, and Dustin M. Lucien for a **APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING SEQUENCE DATABASE COMPARISON** including the specification, abstract, and claims (2 independent, 21 dependent, 23 total) (40 pages); Drawings ( 10 figures, 7 sheets); Declaration and Power of Attorney; and a check in the amount of \$382.00, are being deposited with the United States Postal Service for "Express Mail" service under 37 C.F.R. ' 1.10 on the date indicated above and are addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, Box Patent Application, Washington, D.C. 20231.



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